



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 4, 2018

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1743 - As Amended April 11, 2018 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Gonzalez Fletcher:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1743, which would permanently extend the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) program and provide an ongoing \$500 million appropriation.

CTE programs have proven to be critical in student success, according to an assessment by Southern Regional Education Board, 80 percent of students taking a college prep academic curriculum with rigorous CTE meet college and career readiness goals, compared to only 63 percent of students taking the same academic core who did not experience rigorous CTE. More than 88 percent of CTE students are planning to continue on to postsecondary education, or pursue a career in the related CTE area they explored in high school.

CTE programs are critical to California's evolving economy and provide thousands of students with the training and skills necessary to achieve academic success and career readiness with robust, high-quality CTE programs.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1743 and respectfully requests the bill be moved off the suspense file. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Lovingood".

Robert A. Lovingood
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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